

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION
CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

General Statement: The Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) desires to provide courteous and timely service to all applicants for licensure. To facilitate the application process, **submit a complete application form including all applicable supporting documents and fees.** Failure to submit a complete application and supply all necessary information will delay processing and may result in denial of licensure. The fees are for processing your application and will not be refunded. **Please read all instructions carefully.**

Address of Record: The address you provide on this application will be your address of record. All correspondence from DOPL will be sent to that address. You are responsible to directly notify DOPL of any change to your address of record. Do not rely on a forwarding order.

Social Security Number: Your social security number is classified as a private record under the Utah Government Records Access and Management Act. It is used by DOPL as an individual identifier. It is also used for child support enforcement pursuant to Subsection 78-32-17(3) and is mandatory pursuant to Subsection 58-1-301(1), Utah Code Ann., which implements 42 U.S.C. 666(a)(13). If an SSN is not provided, the application is incomplete and may be denied.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND FEES:

If you are applying for licensure as a Court Reporter – with the designation as a Shorthand Reporter – complete the following in addition to submitting a completed application:

1. Submit a certificate from the NCRA documenting your passing score on the Registered Professional Reporter Examination of the National Court Reporter's Association.
2. If applicable, use the "Request for Verification of License" form (attached to this application), to obtain verification of licensure from a state in which you are currently licensed as a certified shorthand reporter.

Request that the verifying state complete the form and mail or fax it directly to DOPL or return it to you for submission with your application.

3. Submit a **\$45.00** non-refundable application-processing fee, made payable to "DOPL."

If you are applying for licensure as a Court Reporter – with the designation as a Voice Reporter – complete the following in addition to submitting a completed application:

1. Submit a certificate from the NVRA documenting your passing score on the Certified Verbatim Reporter Examination of the National Verbatim Reporter's Association.
2. If applicable, use the "Request for Verification of License" form (attached to this application), to obtain verification of licensure from a state in which you are currently licensed as a certified shorthand reporter.

Request that the verifying state complete the form and mail or fax it directly to the DOPL or return it to you for submission with your application.

3. Submit a **\$45.00** non-refundable application-processing fee, made payable to "DOPL."

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. **Laws and Rules:** You are required to understand all Utah laws and rules pertaining to your practice. The following applicable laws and rules are available on the Internet at www.dopl.utah.gov:
 - ❑ Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing Act
 - ❑ General Rules of the Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing
 - ❑ Laws Governing Certified Shorthand Reporters
 - ❑ Rules of the Certified Shorthand Reporters Licensing Board
2. **Current Documents:** Applications, statutes, rules, and forms are occasionally changed. Go to www.dopl.utah.gov to ensure you have the most recent version of these documents.
3. **Examination for Shorthand Reporter Designation:** Contact the NCRA for information regarding the examination including fees, dates, study guides, and other examination requirements. National Court Reporters Association, 118 Park Street S.E., Vienna, VA 22180, (703) 281-4677
4. **Examination for Voice Reporter Designation:** Contact the NVRA for information regarding the Certified Verbatim Reporter examination, including fees, dates, study guides, and other examination requirements. National Verbatim Reporters Association, 207 Third Avenue, Halliesburg, MS 39401, www.nvra.org
5. **Examination Fees:** There are separate fees for all examinations. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit the fees directly to the testing agency.

6. **License Renewal:** All certified shorthand reporter licenses expire May 31 of each even-numbered year.

Unlike many other states, Utah's license renewal schedule **is not** based on the licensee's date of initial licensure. Under Utah's renewal system, all licenses in each profession expire as a group on the same day every two years. Therefore, the length of a licensee's first renewal cycle depends on how far into the current renewal cycle initial licensure was obtained. Each renewal cycle thereafter is for a full two years.

Additionally, the fee paid with this application for licensure is an application-processing fee only. It does not include a renewal fee. Each licensee is responsible to renew licensure **PRIOR** to the expiration date shown on the current license. Approximately two months prior to the expiration date shown on the license, renewal information is disseminated to each licensee's last address of record, as provided to DOPL.

7. **Updating Address Information:** It is your responsibility to maintain a current address with DOPL. If your address is incorrect, you will not receive renewal notices or other correspondence. Address changes can be made online at www.dopl.utah.gov.
8. **Name Change:** If you have been licensed by DOPL under any other name, please submit documentation of your name change (i.e. copy of a marriage license or divorce decree).
9. **Ceremonial Certificate of Licensure:** After obtaining your license from DOPL, you can order a Ceremonial Certificate of Licensure, printed on parchment paper with original signatures and an embossed gold seal. Order forms can be obtained at www.dopl.utah.gov.
10. **Mail Complete Application to:**

By U.S. Mail

Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
P.O. Box 146741
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6741

By Delivery or Express Mail

Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing
160 East 300 South, 1st Floor Lobby
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

11. **Telephone Numbers:** (801) 530-6628
(866) 275-3675 – Toll-free in Utah
12. **Fax Number:** (801) 530-6511

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Certificate Applying For: (Select One.) _____ Shorthand Reporter
_____ Voice Reporter

Social Security Number: _____

Last Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Gender (Male or Female): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Have You Ever Held A Utah License Before? Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, Name of Profession: _____

If Yes, License Number: _____

MAILING ADDRESS

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SECTION - FOR DIVISION USE ONLY

License/Certificate Number: _____

Date License/Certificate Approved: _____

Approved By: _____

Date License/Certificate Denied: _____

Denied By: _____

Reason for Denial/Other Comments: _____

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION: (Use additional sheets if necessary.)

1. Name: _____ Dates Attended: _____ to _____

Location: _____

Degree Received: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

2. Name: _____ Dates Attended: _____ to _____

Location: _____

Degree Received: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

LICENSES:

List all licenses, registrations, or certifications issued by any state that you now hold or have ever held as a certified shorthand reporter. (Use additional sheets if necessary.)

Issuing State: _____ Profession: _____

License Status: _____ License Number: _____ Effective Date: _____

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PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT: Answer “yes” or “no.”

_____ Registered Professional Reporter Examination, Date(s) Taken: _____

_____ Certified Verbatim Reporter Examination, Date(s) Taken: _____

AFFIDAVIT FOR UTAH LAWS AND RULES

I understand that it is my responsibility to read and understand all statutes and rules pertaining to my practice as a certified court reporter in Utah and I agree to comply with such.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER QUALIFYING QUESTIONNAIRE

Answer “yes” or “no” for each question. Do not leave any question blank.

1. _____ Have you ever applied for or received a license, certificate, permit, or registration to practice in a regulated profession under any name other than the name listed on this application?
2. _____ Have you ever been denied the right to sit for a licensure examination?
3. _____ Have you ever had a license, certificate, permit, or registration to practice a regulated profession denied, conditioned, curtailed, limited, restricted, suspended, revoked, reprimanded, or disciplined in any way?
4. _____ Have you ever been permitted to resign or surrender your license, certificate, permit, or registration to practice in a regulated profession while under investigation or while action was pending against you by any profession licensing agency or criminal or administrative jurisdiction?
5. _____ Are you currently under investigation or is any disciplinary action pending against you now by any licensing agency or governmental agency?
6. _____ Is any action pending against you now by either the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration or any state drug enforcement agency?
7. _____ If you are licensed in the occupation/profession for which you are applying, would you pose a direct threat to yourself, to your clients, or to the public health, safety, or welfare because of any circumstance or condition?
8. _____ Have you ever been declared by any court of competent jurisdiction incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease and not restored?
9. _____ Have you ever had a documented case in which you were involved as the abuser in any incident of verbal, physical, mental, or sexual abuse?
10. _____ Have you ever been terminated from a position because of drug use or abuse?
11. _____ Are you currently using or have you recently (within 90 days) used any drugs (including recreational drugs) without a valid prescription, the possession or distribution of which is unlawful under the Utah Controlled Substances Act or other applicable state or federal law?

(Questions continue on following page.)

12. _____ Have you ever used any drugs without a valid prescription, the possession or distribution of which is unlawful under the Utah Controlled Substances Act or other applicable state or federal law, for which you have not successfully completed or are not now participating in a supervised drug rehabilitation program, or for which you have not otherwise been successfully rehabilitated?
13. _____ Do you currently have any criminal action pending?
14. _____ Have you pled guilty to, no contest to, or been convicted of a misdemeanor in any jurisdiction within the past ten (10) years? Motor vehicle offenses such as driving while impaired or intoxicated must be disclosed but minor traffic offenses such as parking or speeding violations need not be listed.
15. _____ Have you ever pled guilty to, no contest to, or been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction?
16. _____ Have you, in the past ten (10) years, been allowed to plea guilty or no contest to any criminal charge that was later dismissed (i.e. plea in abeyance or deferred sentence)?
17. _____ Have you ever been incarcerated for any reason in any federal, state or county correctional facility or in any correctional facility in any other jurisdiction or on probation/parole in any jurisdiction?

If you answered “yes” to questions 13, 14, 15, 16, or 17 above, you must submit a complete narrative of the circumstances that occurred for EACH and EVERY conviction, plea in abeyance, and/or deferred sentence. You must also attach copies of all applicable police report(s), court record(s), and probation/parole officer report(s).

If you are unable to obtain any of the records required above, you must submit documentation on official letterhead from the police department and/or court indicating that the information is no longer available.

If you have formally expunged a criminal record as evidenced by a court order signed by a judge, you do not need to disclose that criminal history. Expungement orders must be sent to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and the FBI to enable the expungement to be completed and the criminal history eliminated from the records.

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, enclose with this application complete information with respect to all circumstances and the final result, if such has been reached.

A “yes” answer does not necessarily mean you will not be granted a license; however, DOPL may request additional documentation if the information submitted is insufficient.

AFFIDAVIT and RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I am the applicant described and identified in this application for licensure, certification, or registration in the State of Utah.

I am qualified in all respects for the license, certificate, or registration for which I am applying in this application.

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in the application and its supporting document(s) is free of fraud, misrepresentation, or omission of material fact.

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in the application and its supporting document(s) is truthful, correct, and complete; and, discloses all material facts regarding the applicant and associated individuals necessary to properly evaluate the applicant's qualifications for licensure.

I will ensure that any information subsequently submitted to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing in conjunction with this application or its supporting documents meet the same standard as set forth above.

I understand that it is unlawful and punishable as a class A misdemeanor to apply for or obtain a license or to otherwise deal with the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing or a licensing board through the use of fraud, forgery, or intentional deception, misrepresentation, misstatement, or omission.

I understand that this application will be classified as a public record and will be available for inspection by the public, except with regard to the release of information which is classified as controlled, private, or protected under the Government Records Access and Management Act or restricted by other law.

I authorize all persons, institutions, organization, schools, governmental agencies, employers, references, or any others not specifically included in the preceding characterization, which are set forth directly or by reference in this application, to release to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, State of Utah, any files, records, or information of any type reasonably required for the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to properly evaluate my qualifications for licensure/certification/registration by the State of Utah.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

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Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
160 East 300 South, P.O. Box 146741
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6741
Fax: (801) 530-6511

REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF LICENSE

(Use this form to verify licensure from another state, if applicable.)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

Complete the first section of the form. Request that the verifying state complete the form and mail it directly to DOPL or return it to you for submission with your application.

Applicant's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I am requesting licensure in the state of Utah as a: _____

I am/have been licensed in your state under the name: _____

My Social Security Number is: _____

My Date of Birth is: _____

My license number in your state is/was: _____

I have enclosed the necessary license verification fee in the amount of: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

(Continued on the reverse.)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VERIFYING AGENCY:

Please furnish the information requested, sign and verify the document, and place the completed form in an envelope, seal the envelope and provide it to the applicant in person or by mail. The qualifier will include the verification of licensure with his/her Utah application. Thank you.

Name of Verifying State: _____

Name of Licensee (as it appears in verifying state's records): _____

Classification of License Issued: _____

License Number: _____ Current Status: _____

Original Date of Licensure: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Continuously Licensed:

_____ Yes _____ No, please explain: _____

Licensed By:

_____ Exam, Type: _____ Date: _____

_____ Endorsement, From What State _____

Examination Scores: _____

Education Required For Licensure: _____

Disciplinary Action or Pending Disciplinary Action:

_____ No _____ Yes, please provide certified copies of all Petitions, Orders, etc.

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Agency: _____

Date: _____

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